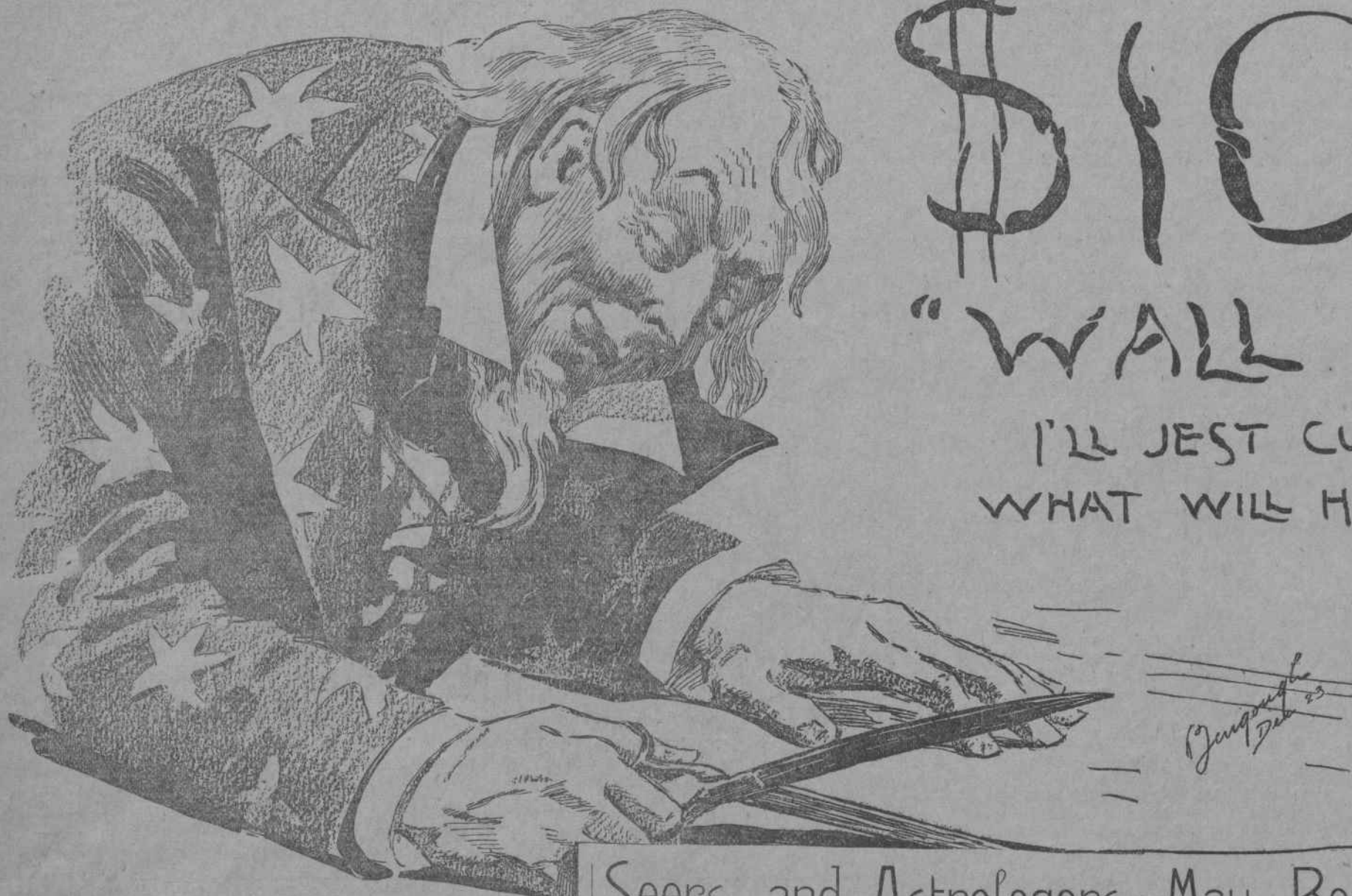


# UNCLE SAM, PROPHET, SEEKS THE JOURNAL'S PRIZE.

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### "WALL I GUESS!"

I'LL JEST CUT THIS OUT AND GUESS  
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME IN 1898



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Put on Your Thinking Cap and Try Your Hand  
at Forecasting Historic  
Events.

THE venerable gentleman whose likeness appears at the top of this page has attained world-wide fame for knowing a good thing when he sees it, and the task upon which he is here engaged is proof positive that his wisdom waxes as he grows older.



happen in 1898 is as fine and fair a gift for somebody as was ever offered in a Christmas season.

## STOMACH IS NOT A VITAL ORGAN.

Local Surgeons Say the Zurich Experiment Proves This to Be So.

The medical profession of New York is deeply interested in the case of Anna Landis, the stomachless girl, who was born in Switzerland. The most complete account of the bold but successful operation upon her by Dr. Carl Schlietter, in the County Hospital at Zurich, on September 6, was published in the Journal yesterday. Although Anna is fifty-six years old and has but one tooth, she is not only alive, but is gaining in health and strength.

When Dr. Charles E. Wendt, of this city, saw her as late as December 9 she was not only doing her full share of work about the Zurich hospital, but had an appetite quite remarkable under the circumstances. Heretofore persons who have been deprived of their stomachs have had to get along with specially prepared food, but Anna Landis, according to Dr. Wendt, retains and digests without discomfort solid food. That is one of the many interesting and peculiar features of this remarkable case.

"I cannot give a better opinion of the conclusions to be formulated from this operation," said Dr. Emil W. Hoehner, "than is furnished in the Medical Record by Dr. Wendt. Every doctor will admit that this is the first instance in the history of surgery of the complete removal of the stomach. This achievement upsets all previous notions and supposed physiological laws in regard to the stomach as an organ

of digestion. If the stomach can be removed without injury to the digestion it certainly tends to show that the importance of the functions of this organ is greatly overestimated. This case will then be the beginning of a revolution of the physiology and pathology of digestion.

Dr. Carl Schlietter is a first-class surgeon. Previous to this operation he had published some important articles. If there could be any doubt about the history of this case this doubt would be completely removed by the personal report of Dr. Wendt.

"A complete excision of the stomach has heretofore been considered an absolute impossibility without fatal results. It is an interesting fact, however, that this revolution in regard to previous views as to the stomach is in conformity with similar revolutions which have been produced of late by observations of the possibility without fatal results of injuries to the lungs, heart and even the brain.

"Only a short time ago I saw a case in the hospital, where I had been called to take an ante-mortem statement of a man who had been shot in the chest. There was absolute proof that the lung had been pierced by the bullet. Yet that man still lives. Formerly we thought it was impossible to injure the lung in that way without causing death.

"Similar observations have been made of injury to the brain without killing the man; also even of injury to the heart muscle without death ensuing. There have also been cases of the complete removal of one of the kidneys, an operation successfully performed repeatedly of late years.

"All of these cases tend to show how much injury the so-called vital organs are able to withstand. The complete removal of the stomach is another example of what can be done to save mankind from injuries and from sickness.

"These facts open a wide sphere for future progress in medical science which may yet enable us to rid suffering humanity from such plagues as cancer, lupus and other evils which hitherto have been considered incurable."

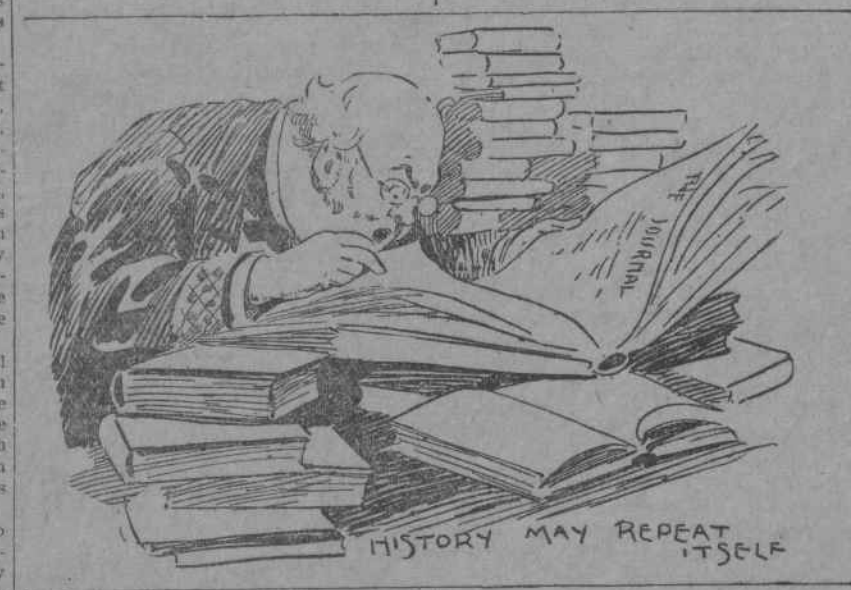
## Seers and Astrologers May Be Writing the Nation's Destiny a Year in Advance.

bad, shall have gone. And it planned as well that every man, woman and child with a knowledge, however gotten, of what the year 1898 has in store should have a fair chance to tell it, and to win the \$1,000 prize which waits for the most proficient prophet.

Three successive Sundays were fixed on for the publication of the blank upon which the prophecies must be written to secure consideration in competition for the prize. Last Sunday was the first, and all the Sunday Journals containing the

It is plain that to publish prophecies now would give to the later competitors who use the blank published upon this page, which Uncle Sam is hastening to cut out, a decided advantage over those who turned in their predictions last week without any other aid than their own gifts of prophecy.

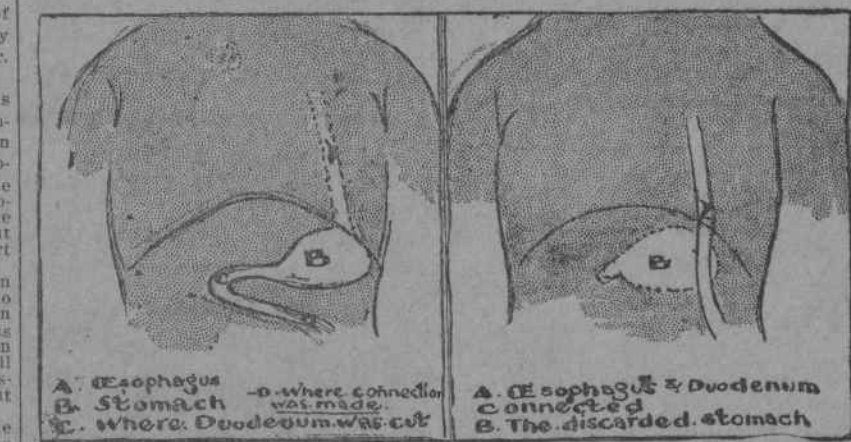
The sage thing to do is to cut out this



blank, and meditate on the future, and send the results of your thinking to the Journal before Saturday, January 8. The big iron receptacles which are placed in all of the Journal's Greater New York offices are not to be closed until that day. The final blank will be published again next Sunday, and that will be the end of the richest opportunity that has ever been

"It has long been known," said Dr. Alfred H. Little, of No. 230 West Forty-third street, "that the bile, pancreatic juice and secretions from the intestinal glands have taken the major part in the digestion, especially of starchy material. We know that the stomach digests albuminous substances from the fact that the stomach has

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Showing the Body with Stomach in Place and After Its Removal.

The case at Zurich, Switzerland, where a surgeon removed the entire stomach of a female patient, and her apparently complete recovery from the operation, interests local surgeons, who discuss the possibility of a person doing without a stomach entirely.

been found digested by its own secretions. "For a long time we have used enzymes, keeping persons alive for months when the stomach would not bear any solid food. "It is evident that the stomach plays a very important part in digestion. "Without doubt the case of this Swiss woman is a wonderful one, but previous operations have led up to it. It remains

offered to the multitudinous people who know or think they know what is going to happen.

Knowing what is going to happen is one of the greatest elements of all worldly success. Every great man has been more or less of a prophet. The world's affairs have never, at any stage of history, furnished richer ground and material for prophecy than they do right now, at the beginning of 1898. Movements which have been under way for years are at the very verge of culmination. There are events which have been expected from day to day or month to month which cannot well be deferred over another New Year. They are things of which the whole world, or such part of it as can read, must know. It is these great things, of importance to the world at large, and of universal human interest, which must be foretold in the prophecy which is to win the \$1,000 prize. This competition is not a local affair.

Napoleon prophesied that within fifty years after his day all Europe would be either republican or Cossack.

It is easy to say, now, that he was wrong; that though much more than the allotted time has past Europe is neither Cossack nor republican. But was he so very wrong after all? Does not the present state of things, among the nations of Europe, show that he had a correct idea of the forces at work there? Was not his error one of time merely? Is not the prophecy of Napoleon to be fulfilled? And if so, will it be in 1898, or will any great decisive action be taken in 1898 which shall lead to the astounding result he foretold. That is something a prophet who wants the Journal's \$1,000 prize cannot afford to overlook.

Perhaps Napoleon underestimated Muscovite patience, and likewise the influences which work in Europe to check republicanism. The Russian does not rush now as he did in Napoleon's time. He is a better

waiter. Study the map of Asia and see where the Russian foot has been set. See the Ottoman Empire slowly being disintegrated. Look at France, England and Russia ready to divide China. See the squadrons gathering in Asiatic waters. England's blood is up, but all the nations of Europe are against her. The time may be ripe for the fulfillment of Napoleon's prophecy. Will the year 1898 witness the striking of the blow which is to precipitate the Russanizing of all Europe?

And what of Islam? Already the hordes are clamoring for a holy war to be declared by the monarch at Istanbul. Will he yield to the behests of his people? And what would be the result if the faded flag of Mahomet were unfurled at Constantinople and the almost innumerable millions of Mussulmans called to arms?

Look at Europe itself. Russia—this same threatening Russia—is honeycombed with nihilism, the knowledge of whose plots

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## STEAMER ON THE ROCKS.

The Martha's Vineyard Badly Damaged in Woods Holl Passage.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 25.—The steamer Martha's Vineyard, of the New Bedford, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket line ran on the rocks in the Woods Holl passage this morning, while on her trip to New Bedford.

The accident was due to one of the buoys being sucked under by the strong current which led to a mistake in the course. The steamer is partially filled with water, and it is thought she has a good sized hole in her bottom. Every effort will be made to float her, and a wrecking crew from this port, with a lighter have come to her assistance.

She had at the time of the accident but a comparatively few passengers on board, and they with the mail were safely landed at Woods Holl and forwarded by train.

## AFTER KLONDIKE FUNDS.

Portland Thinks She Could Beat the Government Relief Expedition with \$10,000 of the Money.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 25.—The Portland Chamber of Commerce has sent the following telegram to Secretary of War Alger: "It is feared by the people of the Northwest that the Government relief expedition cannot reach the Yukon in time to prevent suffering. The city of Portland is prepared, with your assistance, to equip and forward an advance expedition with enough food to relieve immediate wants. We are prepared to start an expedition with experienced volunteers and reach Dawson in sixty days if the department will appropriate \$10,000 of the relief fund for this purpose. Do not be deceived by reports emanating from interested speculators who have forwarded supplies to sell at high prices that there is food sufficient to prevent actual starvation."

horses. What sort of front would he make against his bellicose cousin of Germany, who believes it is God's will that he should thrash the whole world, and is making ready to do the same?

And if they should come to arms, what will all the disconcerted proletariat be doing in the meantime?

And the Roman Church? Its head is also stricken with years. Will he endure until another New Year's after this one?

A change in the guiding force of Rome would be a change felt the whole world over.

And Spain? Will Cuba shake loose from her, single handed? Or will the United States be moved to take a hand in the final dislodgement of the barbarous old Don from the Western World?

And if not a war with Spain, against what other nation will our guns be trained? Or shall we be at peace with all the world, and in position to take advantage of the prosperity which seems from present conditions to be coming our way?

Is Hawaii to be annexed? And what will be the result of that? Is there to be discovered within our own borders a richer gold field than that of the Klondike? Are flood, fire and earthquake to work havoc with us?

There can be no question that science in the year 1898 will announce some discoveries that will have vast effect on human affairs. Aerial navigation has reached a degree of perfection which bids fair, within a little while, to revolutionize travel. Perhaps all the railroads, steamships, tunnels, bridges which have been built at such vast expense, and are to-day considered wonders of construction, will before another Christmas have become old fashioned affairs and been abandoned for mid-air express trains. Maybe the promised aerial battle ship will have become a fact.

These remarks only suggest in part the enormous field which is open for prophecy, and a careful study of them may give you the very points you lack to make yours the winning prophecy.

How you came by your knowledge of what is going to happen will make no difference at all. The Journal artist has depicted on this page a number of approved methods of getting insight into the future. You may follow one of his suggestions, or you may find out the future by some wise or mysterious means of your own. The essential thing is that you write your prophecy on this blank, or the one to be published in the Journal next Sunday, and send or hand it in to one of the Journal's offices before Saturday, January 8.

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## No Faith Cure

ABOUT STUART'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS.

They Cure Stomach Troubles and Indigestion Anyway, Whether You Have Faith in Them or Not.

All physicians agree that the element of faith has a great deal to do in the cure of disease.

Firm belief and confidence in a family physician or the same confidence and faith in a patent medicine have produced remarkable cures in all ages.

This is especially true in nervous troubles, and no field offers so prolific a harvest for the quick and charlatan as the diseases arising from a weak or run down nervous system.

Nevertheless, the most common of all diseases, indigestion and stomach troubles, which in turn cause nervous diseases, heart troubles, consumption and loss of flesh, requires something besides faith to cure.

More faith will not digest your food for you, will not give you an appetite, will not increase your flesh and strengthen your nerves and heart, but Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will do these things, because they are composed of the elements of digestion; they contain the juices, acids and pepsins necessary to the digestion and assimilation of all wholesome food.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will digest food if placed in a jar or bottle in water heated to its boiling point, and they will do it much more effectively when taken into the stomach after meals, whether you have faith that they will or not.

First Integrate the stomach, make pure blood and strong nerves, in the only way that nature can do it, and that is, from food of wholesome food well digested. It is not what we eat, but what we digest that does us good.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are sold by druggists at 50 cents for full sized package. Little book on cause and cure of stomach troubles mailed free by addressing Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.